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Dr. Simon Ramo
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Dear Dr. Ramo:

This is to let you know that pursuant to your conversation with David Brandwein, all of the Panel members have been contacted by telephone regarding a meeting of the Space Panel at CIA Headquarters on the 19th of November and all have tentatively accepted. The meeting will start at 9:00 AM, with substantive briefings in the morning and time set aside for discussions in the afternoon. We will forward a copy of the proposed agenda for your approval [REDACTED]

I fully agree with your comments regarding the need to reshape the membership of the Panel, and have taken steps along the lines you suggested to Mr. Brandwein. General Evans and Dr. Blisplinghoff have been notified of the termination of their memberships. I am endeavoring to recruit [REDACTED]

as a replacement for General Evans. We have also contacted NASA regarding the recruitment of a senior NASA official involved in the Apollo Program. I have some additional thoughts on possible Panel selections which I would like to talk to you about when we meet.

Needless to say, I look forward very much to seeing you on the 19th. I am convinced that the Space Panel has significantly improved the credibility and precision of our estimates of foreign space programs, and believe that this will continue to be the case.

Sincerely,

Carl E. Duckett

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